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## Lamar Louise Curry Early Childhood Education Development Center Is Dedicated

**Enterprise, FL** – The Florida United Methodist Children's Home held a dedication ceremony for the Lamar Louise Curry Early Childhood Education Development Center. The Center will serve as the new home for In As Much, the Montessori-based early childhood education program that originally began in 1980 to serve children in west Volusia County. The dedication was attended by donors, Trustees of the Children's Home, Volusia County government members, and representatives from various agencies including the Early Learning Coalition.

"We believe that every child deserves a quality education. This facility allows us to double the number of children who will receive the Montessori-based education not available at other preschools," stated Cindy Sisco, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Children's Home. "The Lamar Louise Curry Early Childhood Education Development Center will allow us to provide our students with newer technology and learning materials." The new learning center is nearly 20,000 square feet, and is on the Enterprise campus of the Children's Home with a dedicated entrance at 755 Jacob Brock Avenue.

The classrooms at In As Much are viewed as experiential laboratories, organized into several curriculum areas like Language, Math, Geography, Science, Social Studies, Art, Music, Living Skills, Sensory Awareness and Movement.

In As Much offers a variety for programs specifically for infants, toddlers, preschool and VPK (ages six weeks to five years). In addition, summer camp is offered for children six to twelve years of age. The camp focuses on academic skills as well as fun so the children retain knowledge over the summer break and are more prepared to begin the next school year. Swimming classes are also offered as part of the summer program, teaching children ages three and above.

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The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was established in 1908 in Enterprise, Florida on the banks of Lake Monroe. The Children's Home provides services to families and children from childhood to adulthood, and is accredited by COA (Council on Accreditation), EAGLE (a program of the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries), and is a member of the Alliance for Children and Families. Our Residential Care Program cares for school-aged children who have been victimized by

abuse, neglect or family trauma in a family-style home, and provides education, counseling, as well as recreation and ministry opportunities. The Children's Home also provides Foster Care, an Emergency Shelter, an Independent Living Program as well as a Montessori-based early childhood program to the public through In As Much. The Children's Home is supported through the generosity of churches with the United Methodist Florida Conference, individuals and legacy gifts. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.fumch.org">www.fumch.org</a>.